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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL - AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SACASA

1. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SACASA CALLED AT HIS OWN REQUEST ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER. THE VISIT WAS PRINCIPALLY IN NATURE OF A COURTESY CALL BETWEEN SEVILLA-SACASA'S RETURN FROM HIS TRIP TO NAIROBI AND POINTS NORTH LAST WEEK AND HIS DEPARTURE OCTOBER 11 FOR MANAGUA.
 2. SEVILLA-SACASA SKIMMED LIGHTLY OVER IMF MEETING IN NAIROBI AND UN AND OAS MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. ONLY TWO ITEMS OF SUBSTANCE WERE RAISED.
 3. SEVILLA-SACASA RAISED TOPIC OF CALUMNY AND INJURY LAW IN NICARAGUA INDICATING HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE LAW SEEMED TO GO A LITTLE FURTHER THAN WAS NECESSARY AND MIGHT PRODUCE SOME BACKLASH IN NICARAGUA. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER, STRESSING THE POINT THAT WE CONSIDER THIS AN INTERNAL NICARAGUAN MATTER, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN
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OVER THE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS WHICH THE LAW MIGHT PRODUCE

IN THE UNITED STATES. HE REMINDED AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SACASA OF THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FYI: SEVILLA-SACASA TOLD US THAT THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM INQUIRING ABOUT THE LAW. END FYI.

4. SEVILLA-SACASA RAISED THE TOPIC OF THE PROPOSED CHILDRENS CENTER IN MANAGUA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO ABRAHAM HORWITZ OF PAHO AND THAT HORWITZ WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT. SEVILLA-SACASA TOLD US THAT BID HAD MADE A LOAN FOR THE PROJECT (FYI: WHICH IS NEWS TO US. END FYI) BUT THAT WITH OUR HELP, HE WAS SEEKING TO START A MULTINATIONAL MOVEMENT TO GET DONATIONS FOR THE CHILDRENS CENTER TO LOWER THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE BORROWED FOR THIS PURPOSE. DEP. ASST. SECRETARY BOWDLER ADVISED HIM OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WERE BEING FACED BY THE AID BILL IN CONGRESS THIS YEAR AND TOLD HIM THAT ALL FUNDS, LET ALONE GRANT FUNDS, WERE GOING TO BE VERY TIGHT. KISSINGER

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